

Rule 9010-1. Notice of Appearance.

(A) Requirement of Notice of Appearance. Every attorney representing a party or witness in any case or proceeding in this court must file a notice of appearance in the case or proceeding, except that the notice need not be filed when the appearance has previously been evidenced by the filing of a paper on behalf of the client. For the purpose of this rule, the filing of any paper (other than a ballot or proof of claim) shall, unless otherwise specified, constitute an appearance by the attorney who signs it.

(B) Appearing Without an Attorney.

- (1) Corporations and Other Business Entities.** A corporation, partnership, trust, or other business entity cannot appear or act on its own behalf without counsel in a case or proceeding, except to file a request for service of notices (pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002), a proof of claim, a response to an objection to its claim, or a ballot, or to attend and inquire at the meeting of creditors held under 11 U.S.C. § 341.
- (2) Parties Already Represented by Attorney.** A party who has appeared by attorney cannot thereafter appear or act in his or her own behalf in the case or proceeding—unless the attorney shall first have withdrawn as counsel pursuant to Local Rule 2091-1—except to file a proof of claim, or a ballot, or to attend and inquire at the meeting of creditors; provided, that the court may in its discretion hear a party in open court, notwithstanding the fact that the party has appeared by or is represented by an attorney.